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REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed on July 7, 2005, in which claims 1-11 were pending. By this response, the specification is amended by substituting a new title. Pending claims 1-11 are canceled and new claims 12-22 are submitted.

The Office Action objected to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.85(a). Briefly, the position was taken that the subject matter recited in claim 7 is not shown in the drawings.

The applicant, however, respectfully disagrees with this assertion. Figures 9 and 10 both show head suspension components having two compliant locating features with spring beam tabs of the type set forth in claim 7. Withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is requested for this reason.

A new title indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed was required in the Office Action. By this Amendment the title suggested in the Office Action is substituted for the original title. Approval of this amendment is requested.

The specification was also objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(d)(i) as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the subject matter recited in claim 7. The applicant respectfully disagrees with this objection. As noted above, the subject matter of claim 7 is shown in Figures 9 and 10. A description of these figures and associated subject matter is found in the specification starting at page 16, line 12. Withdrawal of the objection of the specification is requested for this reason.

Claims 1-11 were rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by the Holaway et al. U.S. patent 6,367,144. This rejection is now moot in view of the cancellation of claims 1-11.

Newly added claims 12-22 recite a method that is neither taught nor suggested by the Holaway et al. patent or the other prior art of record. These claims all recite a method for locating a suspension component having a compliant locating feature including a plurality of spring beam tabs spaced around an opening. A tapered pin is inserted into the opening to engage the plurality of the spring beam tabs and to position the spring beam tabs around the pin.

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Dependent claims 13, 15, 17 and 19 further define the method by reciting the deflection of the spring beam tabs out of major planes of the suspension components by the pin.

Dependent claims 14 and 18 further define the method by reciting movement of the pin to force the head suspension component(s) into engagement with a clamp.

Dependent claim 16 is directed to use of the method to locate two suspension components having compliant locating features.

Dependent claims 20 and 21 further define the method by reciting the fastening of the first and second head suspension components together.

Claim 22 further defines the head suspension component as having a carrier strip with a compliant locating feature on the carrier strip.

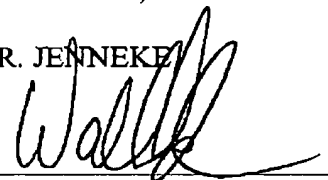
The method shown in the Holaway patent is considerably different than that recited in the pending claims. It involves engaging a pin with one surface of a compliant locating feature, and moving the compliant locating feature in a direction which is generally parallel to the major planar surface of the feature. The claimed invention is different in that it is used in connection with a locating feature having tabs spaced around an opening. By inserting the pin into the opening, the tabs are positioned around the pin.

The claimed invention offers important advantages. Allowance of the claims is respectfully requested in view of these differences and associated advantages.

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